

Docket No.: 57457-020

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

John K. HOWARD

Application No.: 10/068,853

Filed: February 11, 2002

Customer Number: 20277

Confirmation Number: 8970

Group Art Unit: 1631

Examiner: ARDIN H MARSCHEL

For: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING DNA HYBRIDIZATION

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	20	24	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	4	4	0	\$88.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
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Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00

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Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 6, 2005, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.